

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 17 January 1997
Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Video Unlimited (NZ) Ltd
Title of Publication: Pussyman Auditions II
Other Known Titles: Pussyman Auditions 2
Director: Not Stated
Producer: Not Stated
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Pussyman Auditions II	Running time:	88.10
Trailers:	Production Date Notice	Running time:	0.16
	Snatch Productions Notice		0.29
Total Running time:			88.55

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

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Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Pussyman Auditions II* is classified as objectionable because it degrades and dehumanises the female participants. There are a large number of sustained close focus camera shots of the women's genitals which reduce the women to sexual objects. These camera shots dominate the publication. Off screen males direct the women to position themselves so that their genitals can be filmed. The men's voices discuss the women's attributes, especially their genitals, as though their genitals are the most important part of the person. There is a clear focus in the publication from the video footage and the dialogue which degrades and demeans the female participants and reduces them to the sum of their sexual organs by concentrating primarily on the women's splayed labia and buttocks. It is considered that the manner, extent and degree of these presentations of women as the sums of their sexual organs are of significant strength and render the availability of the publication likely to be injurious to the public good. In balancing the competing considerations of issues raised under section 3 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the Classification Office is of the opinion that the extent, manner and degree of the degrading and demeaning conduct in *Pussyman Auditions II* is such that the availability of the publication would be likely to be injurious to the public good. It is considered that the intensity of the degrading and demeaning depictions in the publication outweigh section 14 freedom of expression considerations. Therefore, the video recording, *Pussyman Auditions II* is classified as:
Objectionable.

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